

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 45, 48, 55, 62, 71, and 72 are currently amended.

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a telecommunication network;

a first station; and

a plurality of second stations;

wherein the first station is configured to request a connection with at least one of said plurality of second stations, said connection request comprising a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station,

wherein the telecommunication network comprises at least one store configured to store location information for at least some of said second stations and a selector configured to select at least one of the second stations for connection when said connection request is received in dependence on the location information stored in the store and the location criteria in the received connection request,

wherein the telecommunications system is further configured to connect the first station to the at least one second station selected by the selector.

25-44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

defining, at a first station of a telecommunication network, a location criteria to be satisfied by
at least one second station; and
requesting a connection with at least one second station satisfying said location criteria, said
connection request including said location criteria;
wherein selecting at least one of the second stations is selected for connection, when said
connection request is received, based on stored location information and the location
criteria in the received connection request; and
wherein establishing a connection is established between said first station and said at least one
second station satisfying said location criteria.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a telecommunication network;

a first station;

a plurality of second stations;

defining means for defining at the first station a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one
second station;

requesting means for requesting a connection with at least one second station satisfying said
criteria;

selecting means for selecting at least one of the second stations for connection when said
connection request is received in dependence on stored location information and the
location criteria in the received connection request; and

establishing means for establishing a connection between said first station and said at least one second station satisfying said location criteria.

48. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

~~transmitting-receiving, from a station,~~ a request for a connection with one of a plurality of other stations, the request comprising a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one of the other stations;

storing location information for the other stations in a register; and

selecting at least one of the other stations for the connection based on the location information stored in the register and the location criteria received in the request.

49. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 48, further comprising attempting to initiate a connection with any of the stations satisfying the location criteria.

50. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 48, further comprising initiating a connection with a station satisfying the location criteria and falling in a predetermined group.

51. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 48, further comprising receiving information as to which of the stations satisfy the location criteria.

52. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 51, further comprising selecting at least one of the stations based on said information.

53. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 48, further comprising defining an order in which connections to the stations satisfying the location criteria are to be attempted.

54. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 48, further comprising attempting connections to the stations satisfying the location criteria randomly.

55. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a transmitter configured to transmit a request to a telecommunications network for a connection with one of a plurality of stations, the request comprising a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one of the stations;

a register configured to store location information for the plurality of stations; and

a selector configured to select at least one of the stations for the connection based on the location information stored in the register and the location criteria.

56. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 55, wherein the apparatus is configured to attempt to initiate a connection with any of the stations satisfying the location criteria.

57. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 55, wherein the apparatus is configured to initiate a connection with a station satisfying the location criteria and falling in a predetermined group of stations.

58. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 57, wherein a predefined location criteria is associated with the predetermined group.

59. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 57, wherein the predetermined group has a predetermined identifier associated therewith.

60. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 57, wherein the predetermined group is defined by the user of the apparatus.

61. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 55, further comprising a determiner configured to determine which stations satisfy the location criteria.

62. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting a request to a telecommunications network for a connection with one of a plurality of stations, the request comprising a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one of the stations;

storing means for storing location information for the plurality of stations; and

selecting means for selecting at least one of the stations for the connection based on the location information stored in the register and the location criteria.

63. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, further comprising preventing a connection with the first station if the first station has made a connection request based on the location of the at least one second station.

64. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, further comprising permitting a connection only with predefined first stations if the first station has made a connection request based on the location of said at least one second station.

65. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, further comprising transmitting a message, indicating that a first station wishes to make contact, to a second station satisfying the location criteria.

66. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 65, wherein the second station receiving said message is configured to indicate if the call is to be accepted.

67. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein said connection request comprises information identifying at least one second station, and wherein the method further comprises making a call between said first station and the identified at least one second station only if the location criteria is satisfied.

68. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 67, wherein if the second station does not satisfy the location criteria at the time the connection request is made, the call is made at a subsequent time when the second station satisfies the location criteria.

69. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein the first station or at least one of said second stations is a mobile terminal.

70. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein said first station or at least one of said second stations is a fixed terminal.

71. (Currently Amended) A computer program, embodied on a computer-readable medium, the computer program configured to control a processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

defining, at a first station of a telecommunication network, a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one second station; and
requesting a connection over the telecommunication network with at least one second station satisfying said location criteria, the connection request including the location criteria;
wherein the telecommunication network is configured to selecting at least one of the second stations for connection, when said connection request is received by the telecommunication network, based on stored location information and the location criteria in the received connection request; and further configured to establishing a connection between said first station and said at least one second station satisfying said location criteria.

72. (Currently Amended) A computer program, embodied on a computer-readable medium, the computer program configured to control a processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

~~transmitting-receiving, from a station,~~ a request for a connection with one of a plurality of other stations, the request comprising a location criteria to be satisfied by at least one of the other stations;
storing location information for the other stations in a register; and
selecting at least one of the other stations for the connection based on the location information stored in the register and the location criteria.